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REPORT NO.

TOPIC

Military Information from the Stahnsdorf Military Post

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EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT

1 to 6 and 18 November 1952

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REMARKS

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1. From 1 to 6 November 1952, the three barracks buildings for EM of the Ludendorff Kaserne, Stahnsdorf, were each occupied by 200 to 220 troops wearing black-bordered black and blue-bordered black epaulets and about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Seven to 8 platoons of 28 troops each fell in in front of each barracks building for roll call in the evenings. Source observed a watchtower in the northwestern corner of the installation. The tower was continually occupied by a guard. The entire installation was surrounded by a board fence. A one-mast radio station was near Gueterfelde. The low wooden building nearby quartered 6 troops, which were relieved by troops from the Ludendorff Kaserne. Colonel Shcherver (fnu) from Potsdam visited the units in Stahnsdorf once or twice a week. On 4 November, the installation was inspected by a lieutenant colonel. An interpreter stated that he was Lieutenant Colonel Bogdanov (fnu) from Wuensdorf who, allegedly, was in command of an armored scout car battalion. Colonel Maltsev (fnu), ranking administrative officer, stationed in the Siegfeld Kaserne, frequently visited the two other barracks installations in Stahnsdorf.

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2. On 18 November, the Schlieffen Kaserne was occupied by about 600 troops which included a signal headquarters and a signal instruction course with a strength of 100 troops, including officers with red striped epaulets. At about 9 a.m., 10 signal officers, including a lieutenant colonel, went to the officers' club in the southwest corner of the installation, coming from one of the small buildings. At 2 p.m., three platoons of 40 troops each were seen at march practice in the barracks yard without rifles. Two small sheet metal buildings, each with 4 antenna masts, were in the training area north of the installation. A sentry with rifle was seen there. Sedan was seen en route to the installation.

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3. On 18 November, the Siegfeld Kaserne was occupied by about 600 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. It was the opinion of source that the rooms available were unsuitable for the quartering of a headquarters. At about 10 a.m., a senior lieutenant and 10 EM armed with rifles and carrying practice targets left the installation for the firing range toward Gueterfelde. At about 11:30 a.m.,

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truck [] occupied by a captain, left the installation. The captain asked [] for directions to Potsdam. At about 6 p.m., the truck, occupied by 10 men, returned to the installation. Trucks []

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[] were seen en route to the installation.

4. On 18 November, the Ludendorff Kaserne was occupied by a signal unit of an estimated 500 troops. [] the rooms available were suitable for a headquarters, however, as only a few officers were seen, it was believed improbable that a headquarters was stationed there. 1

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1. Comment. [] made similar observations in mid-October and late October 1952. [] As to the location of the headquarters, the information obtained [] of paragraph 2 of the present report appears most credible; therefore the headquarters is now believed stationed in the Schlieffen Kaserne. Colonel Shcherver was reported once []. He probably belongs to a higher signal headquarters of the GDFG in Potsdam. [] observed belong to the GDFG. For layout of installation see Annex.

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ATTACHMENT: Layout of Ludendorff Kaserne
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